

Washington 1st May 1832.

My Dear Henry

I recd your two favours of the 15th and 22^d Ult^o and am highly gratified to find that you continue to take so lively an interest in all that concerns Oakland. I hope your attention to it will be unremitting until we return, and I doubt not that we shall find it improved under your management. The large dining room requires some repair, that is the papering. I believe you would do well to have all the paper taken down, the cracks stopped, and the Wall again painted as it was formerly, or any other color that you and Anne may think more agreeable. If you determine to do this, be particular as to the Painter you engage, and make your contract beforehand — a precaution which is always best for both parties.

We are greatly grieved with the condition of your poor brother. I fear, from what I hear, that he is incurable. I observe what you say about my letters to him, and I must cease to write to him. But I hope, my dear Joe, that you will visit him as often as you can consistently with his tranquillity and your own feelings. Perhaps it would not be injurious to him occasionally to visit Oakland, but on that subject I know nothing that we can do better than to conform to the advice of his physicians.

You have said nothing to me in regard to money for
Yours